MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS 1 WINTER STREET BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02108 UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OFFICE OF ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION REGION I BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02203

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE OF A DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTION 301 AND 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT (THE "ACT"), AS AMENDED, AND REQUEST FOR STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE ACT.

DATE OF NOTICE: February 23, 2007

NPDES PERMIT NO: MA0100897

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: MA-013-07

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

The City of Taunton Department of Public Works 90 Ingell Street Taunton, MA 02780-3507

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Taunton Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) 825 West Water Street Taunton, MA 02780

The municipalities of Raynham and Dighton are co-permittees for specific activities pertaining to their collection systems. The responsible municipal departments are:

Town of Raynham Sewer Dept	Town of Dighton Sewer Dept
416 Titicut Road	P.O. Box 229
Raynham, MA 02767	North Dighton, MA 02764

RECEIVING WATER: **Taunton River** (Taunton River Basin - MA62-02)

CLASSIFICATION: Class SB – Shellfishing (R) and CSO

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) have cooperated in the development of a permit for the above identified facility. The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted to assure that State Water Quality Standards and provisions of the Clean Water Act will be met. EPA has formally requested that the State certify this draft permit pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and expects that the draft permit will be certified.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:

A fact sheet or a statement of basis (describing the type of facility; type and quantities of wastes; a brief summary of the basis for the draft permit conditions; and significant factual, legal and policy questions considered in preparing this draft permit) may be obtained at no cost by writing or calling EPA's contact person named below:

Doug Corb
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One Congress Street
Suite 1100 - CMP
Boston, MA 02114-2023
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The administrative record containing all documents relating to this draft permit is on file and may be inspected at the EPA Boston office mentioned above between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of this draft permit is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all available arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by March 24, 2007, to the U.S. EPA, 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing to EPA and the State Agency for a public hearing to consider this draft permit. Such requests shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. A public hearing may be held after at least thirty days public notice whenever the Regional Administrator finds that response to this notice indicates significant public interest. In reaching a final decision on this draft permit the Regional Administrator will respond to all significant comments and make the responses available to the public at EPA's Boston office.

Glenn Haas, Director
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Stephen S. Perkins, Director OFFICE OF ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY